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SUB: STATUS REPORT ON BOMIL INDEMNIFICATION NEGOTIATIONS

1. M. YDIER, SALES MANAGER, MOBILCOIL FOR IVORY COAST, UPPER VOLTA, NIGER AND TOGO (VICE BONNET, WHO IS ON VACATION) AND M. WOLINER, FINANCIAL MANAGER, MOBIL OIL (SAME TERRITORY) CALLED ON ME AUGUST 5 TO GIVE ME A STATUS REPORTON THEIR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE BENIN COMMISSION FOR INDEMNIFICATION. ON AUGUST 4 WOLINER PRESENTED MOBIL'S COUNTERPORPOSAL. WOLINER AND YDIER INFORMED ME THAT THE COMMISSION HAS ALREADY SETTLED WITH BP AND TOTAL, AND THEY UNDERSTAND THAT THEY SETTLEMENT WAS SATISFACTORY TO ALL PARTIES. THEY, THEREFORE DO NOT ANTICIPATE DIFFICULTIES NOR OBSTACLES AND HAVE NO REASON TO BE PESSIMISTIC ABOUT OBTAINING A SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT.

2. MOBIL HAS GIVEN THE COMMISSION AROUND FIFTEEN DAYS TO STUDY THOROUGHLY THE COUNTERPROPOSAL BEFORE MR. DUNN AND MR. FREIXA COME TO COTONOU WITH THE
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HOPE OF CONCLUDING THE NEGOTIATIONS. DESPITE THEIR

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PRESENT OPTIMISM, ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN IN FIFTEEN DAYS,
AND THEY ASKED ME TO FIND OUT WHICH EMBASSY OFFICIAL
DUNN AND FRIEXA SHOULD MEET WITH TO GET AN UNDER-
STANDING OF THE GENERAL ATMOSPHERICS. IN ADDITION,
SINCE DUNN AND RIEXIA WILL BE STOPPING IN ABIDJAN
PRIOR TO PROCEDING TO COTONOU, I WOULD APPRECIATE
IT IF YOU WOULD SEND TO THIS EMBASSY A GENERAL SITUATION
REPORT ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 12. I INFORMED YDIER AND
WOLINER THAT WHILE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BENIN
GOVERNMENT IS HARDLY IDEAL, IT IS SOMEWHAT BETTER
AND IUSED AS EXAMPLES THE RESOLUTION OF THE CHANCERY
AND RESIDENCE PROBLEMS AND THE AID AGREEMENT TO PRO-
CEED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE COTONOU BRIDGE.
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